

60TH BATTERY ASSOCIATION REUNION

NOV 5TH

1937.



M.P.

THE TROOPS.



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The Eleventh Annual Reunion of the Association was held at our old home, The Kitchener Hotel, Regina. The personnel of a battery may be small and it is about twenty years since we were all last together during which time many of the boys have passed on, while others are scattered all over the American Continent and elsewhere but time seems to knit us closer together, as you can judge by the attendance and communications which we received. Those present at the reunion were the following: Get out your snaps and photos.



R. A. Acton "Dick"
Dick Anderson "Annual QM"
Charlie Ayre "Happy Valley" Latrine
Fame

M.A. Cathcart "Pill Asst."
A.P. Cheater "perce"
R.S. Clark "Irish"
H.K. Clawson "Bombardier"
H.W. Cressweller
W.J. Cressweller
W.P. Cumming
F.I. Cochrane "Musical Fruit Bombardier"
D.C.M. Davies "D.C.M."
C.M. Willoughby "Morley"
E.E. Davis "Eddie"
J.A. Davis "Jim"
J.W. Dougans
J.H. Dougherty "Jack"
E.D. Gamble "Eddie"
Harvey Gardner
Bill Hazell
W. Henderson "Pipe Smithy"
A.B. Jackson "Buster"
Bill Jarman
A.E. Johnson "Alf"
J.J. Lawson "Hdqs"
A.T. Williams "Ack Tock"
J.A. Ratcliffe "W.P.'s Partner"
J.A. Sangster "Macken's A.D.C."
H.H. Thompson "Hiram"
A. Watt "Scotty"
H. J. Weedon "Doughy's Aid"
G.V. Williams "Gracie Allen's George"

S.R. Milne "Sgt. Major"
W.E. Minns "Sgt."
E. Nicholson "Nick"
W.G. Owston (Bill)
E. Porter "Ted"
M. N. Purdy "Also Sgt."

Visitors: C. H. Stevens, Trumpeter Stevens' Brother and Lawrence Berger
Entertainers: Pianist - C. Olson, Accordians - Messrs. Herson and Thompson,
Comic - C. Peck and Alex Watt - Sleight of Hand - Denny Sequin
Speaker - H. Kritzwiser

The business meeting was called to order at 6.45 p.m. by the President, W.P. Cumming. The minutes of the last meeting being in the notices, each year were taken as read and adopted. The President then appointed the following as nominating Committee: Eddie Davis, Jack Dougherty, Stan Milne, who retired.

Moved by M.A. Cathcart - that out of town members be appointed to office to encourage those out of town members to attend the reunion. Seconded by Charlie Ayro. Amendment proposed by Bill Minns that one out of town member be appointed second vice president. The amendment was carried. Moved by Mel Purdy that the President, Vice President and Secretary Treasurer or any two of them be authorized to sign cheques on behalf of the Association. Seconded by Charlie Ayre. Carried.

The Nominating Committee returned and placed the following names before the meeting:

President - Bill Brake

1st Vice President - Frank Cochrane

2nd Vice President - Corp. Rogers (out of town)

Secretary Treasurer - A.T. Williams.

Committee:

Mel Purdy

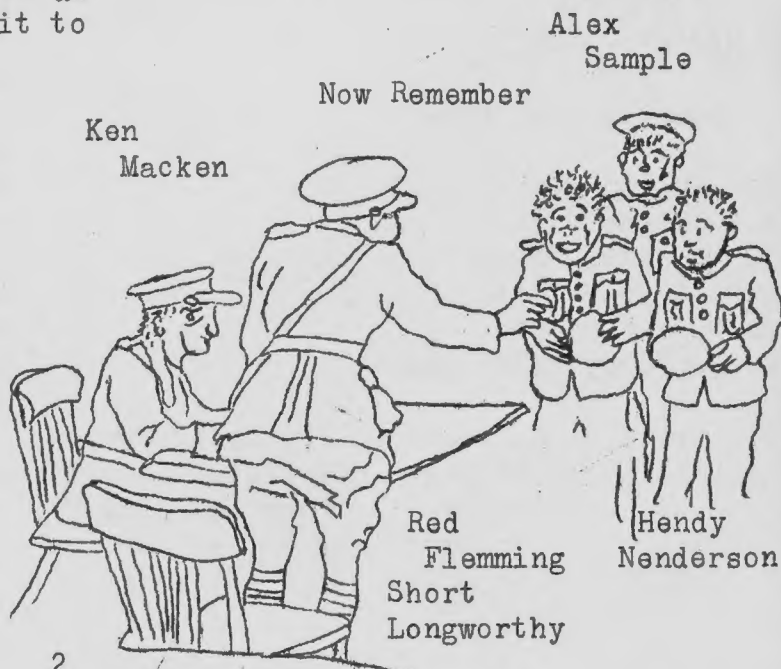
Jack Dougans

Jack Sangster

Moved by Bill Minns that they be appointed. Seconded by H.W. Cressweller. Carried unanimously.

The meeting then adjourned to Parade to Q.M. Stores for the rum ration fuse capped by Dick Anderson after which the old soldiers formed single file, headed by Sgt. Wally Henderson, with his pipes and marched down to the dinning room where turkey and all the trimmings were awaiting them. After singing "O Canada" the President called for two minutes silence in memory of the boys who were left behind and those who have passed on since. The boys then fell too in earnest including Cookie Bert Weedon who was attending his first reunion. During the meal there was the usual banter, sing songs, etc. Then the toast to "The King" was proposed, chairs were pushed back, smokes lighted and the bartenders got busy with the tongue oil. The President introduced the speaker, Mr. H. Kritzwiser, who gave an interesting talk on his recent visit to Germany. The speaker was thanked by Morley Willoughby who as a member of the Billeting Party on the March to the Rhein thought it appropriate to give some amusing highlights. Many were the laughs we got from his descriptions.

THE NEXT DAY
7 DAYS C.B.

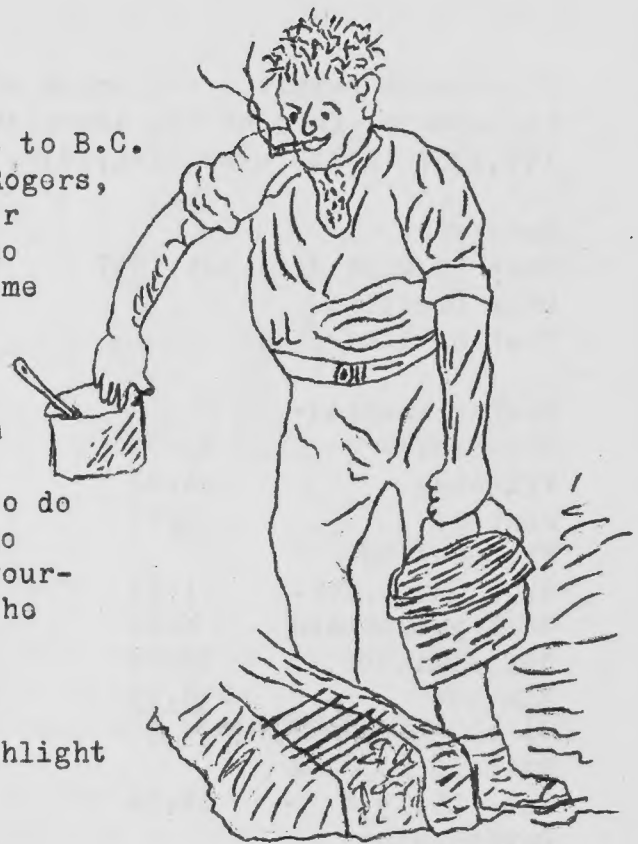


Jack Daugherty gave us a talk on his trip to B.C. where he met many of the boys including Corp. Rogers, J.S. Henderson, Bill Wolfe, J.S. and Jack later made a trip up the coast to see Ken Mackin, who was so delighted to see them, but found the time available for the visit was all too short.

The O.C. called for certain members to line up for parade when they were dressed from the right. Ordered S.G. Milne to give them a haircuit. S.G. Milne reported he was unable to do so. The O.C. sentenced them to sing a song. Who where the cuplrits? Well come up and see for yourself and perhaps be up for office for "Time the Thief" will get away with your thatch.

Bill Minns was called upon to read the letters and telegrams. This is always the highlight of the evening becuae of the enthusiasm

of the out of town members and the many humourous items in them. Each year we receive letters from comrades who have not written before. Those and the letters of the old standbys make us realize that it is worthwhile keeping the reunion going.



Doughy Clark

Yah Dir r ty Boogor



Dick Acton

The reporters this year were:-

Ben Sturdy (1st time) R.E. Rogers, Sunshine Duncan, Ken Mackin, Doctor J.M. Fowler (1st time) C.E. Marlatt, 14th Brigade - Notice and Telegram, Bubbles Edgeworth (1st time) H. Fletcher (1st time) J.T. Evans, G.C. Cummings, T.W. Peart (1st time) Fred Edwards, Doughy Clark (Poem) A.F. Sample, Sam Allen, Alf. Stone, E. Longworthy, C. Gerow, Lummy Lumsden, Arthur Thornton (1st time).

Many of the above also enclosed dues One included his dinner fee and the one furthest away in South America a donation of \$5.00 Many Thanks.

After submitting the financial statement, I am going to turn this report over to Bill Brake in the hope that he will add to same for the benefit of those unable to attend the reunion and also to let us have suggestions for our next meeting.

You awaken at night in a heluva fright,
Then your courage is put to the test,

T'is not shells or guns, nor the thought
of the hums,
But a rat "marking time" on your chest.

I herewith submit a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the General Fund of the Association for the period January 1st, 1937 to February 15th, 1938.



Sunshine Duncan

Receipts:

Cash in Bank Jan. 1st, 1937	\$75.70	
Bank Deposits	87.74	
Cash on hand	<u>4.50</u>	\$167.94

Disbursements:-

Stationery	\$3.05	
Printing	4.03	
Postage	1.65	
Flowers and		
Sick Cheor, Etc.	11.53	
Sundry Expenses	8.50	
Refreshments	38.83	
Banquet	<u>38.99</u>	106.58

Balance in Bank		
Feb. 15, 1938	66.56	
Outstanding		
Cheques	<u>5.20</u>	61.36
		167.94

All of which is respectively submitted

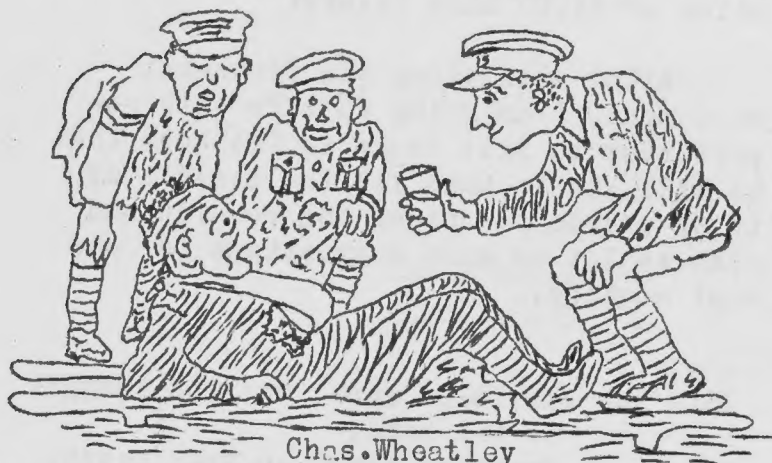
Regina, Sask. Feb. 18th, 1938

A.T. Williams,
1164 Cameron St.,
Regina, Sask.
Sec. Treas.

As Ack Toc has more or less put me on the spot, I will endeavour to continue his good work.

We note from the financial statement that the Bank balance is becoming less each year, due presumably to the economic situation at the present time and a number of the comrades passing on to the Great Beyond. It is further noted that a number of the Comrades have not paid the annual \$1.00 membership fee. If the Association is to be kept together and function as it should, it is essential that we have the financial as well as the moral support of all Comrades. "nuff sed."

Mel
Purdy Corp
Rogers Doc
Fowler



Chas. Wheatley
Hello Doc, I'm the King of the Cocoa-nut Tree.

Now pull up your chairs and light your fags while we check over the correspondence.

The first one we come to is from Ben Sturdy (address will follow later.) Would give his right arm to be present at the Annual Reunion. We would suggest the left arm and can readily understand the feeling. Ben has been doing considerable travelling on the West Coast from the Panama Canal to Alaska, but has finally settled down as Secretary and Office Manager for the Oceanic Terminals at Portland, Oregon. Unbelievable as it may sound he actually enjoys being settled. It might surprise him to know the number of the boys that have settled down and the number of grey and bald heads that appear at each reunion and also the number that have decided they just can't take it any more. He saw Jack Strangeway and hardly recognized him as he weighs around 225 lbs. Some hefty boy from the time we knew him. Ben would be glad to see any of the boys anytime they may visit Portland.



All targets

The next letter is from Corp. B.E. Rogers. Doughy Clarke blew in last summer looking for a job, said he was a man without a Country. (Put him in a boat and send him out to sea). Doughy has not changed much.

Here's one from Herb (sunshine) Duncan. Wishes to be remembered to all the boys and that he could be present.

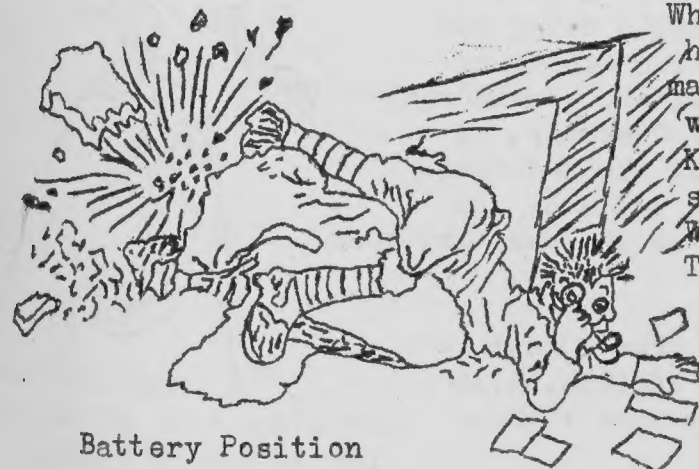
Next we hear from (Bubbles) Edgeworth, who is frozen in up at Casrenmit Lake, 100 miles north of Sioux Lookout, Ontario. Wishes to be remembered to the gang, especially Hal Clawson and Ted Porter. "Say" Bubbles do you remember the time in Petawawa Camp that you started raising merry hell one rainy day and the boys got a large mail bag and stuffed you in just leaving your head sticking out and set you out in the horse lines to cool off?

For the first time we hear from Doc. Fowler, who we are sorry to say has just had an operation for appendicitis. We sincerely trust that you are well by this time and out around again feeling your usual self.

Charlie Marlatt is glad to hear that the reunions are still being held. Mentions about the Chinese situation looking bad but what will some of the boys look like after the party.

Ken Macken wishes he were in our midst sipping some of Old Bill Wolfe's lime juice. Had a wonderful visit by old Bill, Henderson and Daugherty last summer. Kind regards to all the boys. Some day I'll be there. Make it snappy Ken, how about next November 4th.

What the hell's the matter with you. Keep your shirt on. What Targets?



Battery Position

How the steel lid
felt the first time
worn



Mounted
parade
Hankley
Common

N.C.O. Barging
up into Hdqrs.
party

O.C. - Don't you know your position in the
parade

N.C.O. - Yes sir I do, but this G.D. horse
don't.

Sure does sound as if the rainy season was on, just divert some of the rain up
here where it is needed. Sends kind regards to all the boys.

C. (Jerry) Gerow. Always looks forward to receiving the annual report,
as there are very few of the boys in the East. Sends best regards to all the
boys.

Fred Edwards reports that due to negotiations having
been broken off with a very rich member of the opposite
sex, which promised to off set the results of a complete
crop failure he would be unable to anticipate being one
of the happy gathering which will invade the Kitchener
Hotel on Friday evening. He and F.J. Seys are considering
offering their services to the Chinese as Generals, as
their sympathys naturally are in favour of the underdog.
Wishes to extend a cherry "Cherio" to one and all. We
hope to see you boys on November 4th and in the meantime wish
you the best of luck for the future.

G. C. Cumming assures us that he is always most
pleased to receive the annual report and notices, also
to convey to previous associates his very best wishes.

Remember him going
the horse trough.

J. W. Peart also sends
best regards to the boys. Sorry
he cannot give them personally.

The usual from Sam Allan.
He tells us quite a story about
a fellow who was working on a
Government relief job and when
they closed down for the Winter
went home and told his wife that
his project had been cut off,
etc.etc. He is somehow in a
similar position, thus could
not attend this year. We will
be looking for you next reunion.
Sends regards to all the gang.

Joe Longworthy never for-
gets the first Friday in
November even though he is in
South America. Always thinking
of the old gang on the night
of the Annual get together.
He has been moved from Talara,
Peru and is now at Barranca
Bermya, Colombia, which is 400
miles inland on the Magdalena
River, right in the jungle with
plenty of heat all year round.
Finds his work very interesting.
Had five inches of rain in five
hours, two inches in first hour.



Cowboy

(Lummy) Lumsdon made a trip through the interior of B.C. and met Charlie Marlatt at Trail, also R.A. Cummings at Penticton, who is connected with a soft drink wholesale. Lummy wishes to be remembered to all the boys.

Here's word from a long lost Comrade in the person of Arthur Thornton (328969 Sgt.) from England. He made enquires through the Legion who kindly forwarded his letter, which enabled us to get in touch with him. You will receive a list with this report giving the Names and Addresses of all the boys who were with the 60th that we have been able to locate. Why do you spell the name of your house "Adanac" backwards?



Bob Beatson



Charlie Marlatt

Horse Lines Fosse Dix

Alf Stone (Stoney) says that it is splendid to see the old spit and polish 60th stick together like they are doing. Wishes to be remembered to all the boys.

Telegram from Harry Fletcher.
(Say "Hello" to all the boys for me.)

Another telegram from the 14th Bde Old Boys Association, Winnipeg. extending greetings and best wishes, also renewing the old comradeship.

J.T.Evans. A short note and extending best regards to all the boys.

Last but not least the annual report of the section meetings of the Association held in Los Angeles and reported by Alex Sample. Sorry that we cannot give you the report in full as space will not permit, but will quote sections from same.

The four of us here are glad that we are all still above the sod and able to send you the same sincere greetings of comradeship that we have sent in former years. We revived our reunion here a couple of months ago which was the first we had for sometime. Since Old Doughy got in the coop as he related in verse for you at a former time we were not able to get together until last summer when Doughy came back from Dallas, Texas, where he was cooking long horned Texas steers for the natives at the Dallas Centennial

Doughy has again been bitten by the poetic flea and am sending, at his suggestion, a copy of his latest contribution. He has not become a bit high hat even though his other poem was sent out for your last report and therefore scattered to the four corners of the globe.

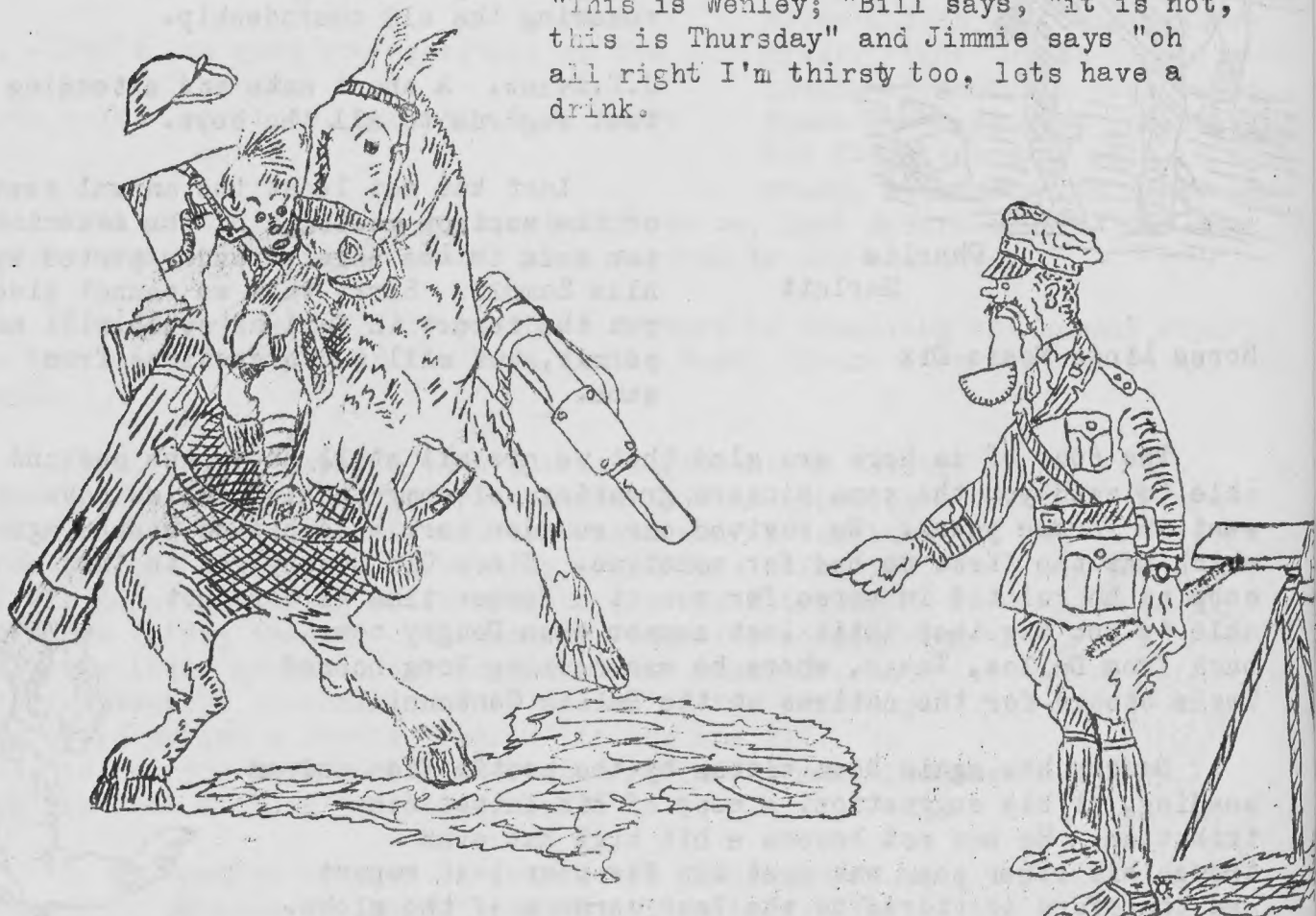


The story of the Cook's tour by Ack Toc Williams.

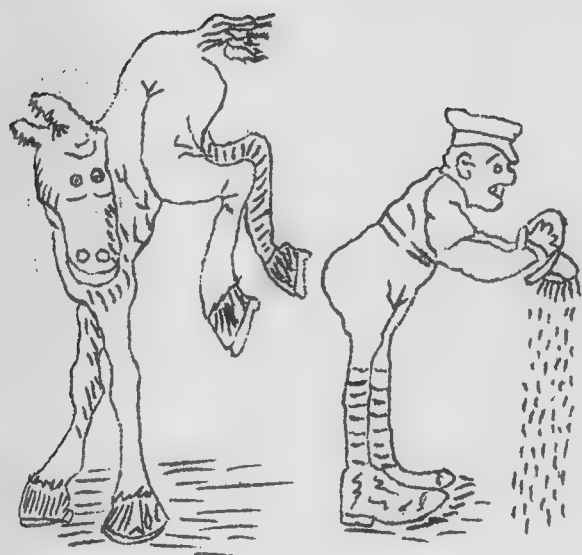
The four of us here are plodding along about the same, except that Doughy is out of a job at present. We work on the philosophy that you can always get some fun out of any situation. We are like the Swede in this story: An Irishman did not like Swedes and every time he met a Swede he threw him off the side walk into the road; Well one day he did that and Ole got up laughing and walked down the street laughing heartily; a fellow who saw the incident stopped Ole and said to him: "I can't understand you, that Irishman threw you into the street and you are laughing, what is the joke," well said Ole, "The 'Yoke' is on him, he thinks I am a Swede and I am a Norwegian."

The Canadian Legion is going fine down here. I belong to the Scottish Post where I am finance officer, we have a membership of about a hundred Scotchmen. Nearly all the pipers have joined up too and we have a Post Pipe Band, but they wore all kinds of tartans. In looking about for some wealthy man who would sponsor an outfit we contacted one, Donald Douglas, President of the Douglas Aircraft, biggest plane builders in U.S.A. and who build all the army planes and an American born gentleman, so what does he do after about five minutes conversation, but give us a thousand dollars to outfit them in the Douglas tartan.

I just heard a good one about Bill Cumming and Jimmie Ratcliffe when we were at Whitley. They were both well "lickered" one night and were walking as best they could through the town of Wenley, Jimmie said to Bill, "This is Wenley;" Bill says, "it is not, this is Thursday" and Jimmie says "oh all right I'm thirsty too, lets have a drink."



O.C. - (in irate mood) "Who the blazes told you to come here?"
Charlie Kingdon "No one sir, I was just brought."



Sometime ago I was walking down Broadway, yes sir down Broadway where there are lots of people and feeling very badly that I could not take in the reunion this year, consequently my head was bowed in grief and what should I see lying right on the street but a perfectly good Bank of Canada note for one buck and bearing a picture of George V. and if you don't believe me here it is to pay my membership fee for the ensuing year and maybe next year I will hand you one in person. I don't want you to think that Canadian Money is so little thought of here, I just happened to see it first.

Registered One Kick.

Well my comrades and friends, Bayliss,

Jerry, Doughy and myself all send our

warmest greetings to you all and express the sincere hope that the comradeship born and nurtured midst the dangers and privations of conflict may serve to bind us together with a bond of fraternal brotherhood not only in the 60th Battery Association, but also in the cold outside world, to cause the greeting to be cheerier, the handshake to be warmer and perpetuate the cherished memory of our adventure for King and Country. Some of us may be American citizens but no one would ever blame us if the pulse quickens at the sight of the Union Jack. I am safe in saying that last May 12th every Briton here and 95 percent of the American population were up from 1 A.M. to listen on the radio to the coronation. "Breathes there a man, etc., you know.

I am sorry this discourse is so long but being an offence only once a year you will forgive us. The only people I have ever been lonesome for since I came here are the comrades of the 60th Battery.

And so endeth the correspondence for this year. We feel that we are only expressing the sentiments of the Boys when we say that the letters, etc. received were greatly appreciated.

Now if you will get out the list of names and addresses that was sent out last year, we will give you a few names to add to same, as well as changes of addresses.

Geo. B. Sturdy (Bruin) c/o Oceanic Terminals,
Portland, Oregon.

Arthur Thornton, "Adanac", 67 St. Annes Road,
Leeds 6, Yorks, England.

N. Bungard, United Farms, Salinas, California

J. Strangeways, 212 5th Ave. South, Seattle,
Washington

Change of Addresses:

M.A. Edgeworth (Bubbles) c/o Argosy Gold Mines
Limited, Casremmit Lake, Ont.

W. E. Longworthy, c/o International Petroleum Company
Barranca Bermya, Colombia, South America.



A little plaster of Paris



C. Gerow (Jerry) c/o Dominion Coal Company Limited,
159 Bay St., Toronto, Ont.
Alex F. Sample, 1237 So. Alvarado, Los Angeles, Cal.
R.A. Cummings, Penticton, B.C.
T.H. Archer, 3692 Quesnel Drive, Vancouver, B.C.



HEE- HAWW

We have a suggestion for our next reunion whereby every Comrade can participate by sending in one or more stories of any particular incident that happened when in the army, that would be of interest to the gang. If you have any cartoons, sketches, etc., send along a copy as the boys enjoy looking them over. If you attend the reunion we will ask you to tell the stories unless advised otherwise. We have endeavoured in a small way to give you a few ideas in this report. "Remember the time" or "Remember when," etc. etc. It is our intention

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to use the time usually taken by a speaker to tell the stories, etc. received. Will you kindly co-operate with us and wrap that right hand around a pen and write out those stories, etc. while they are fresh in your mind, send them to either the Secretary Treasurer or to the President. You can rest assured that the Committee will have an interesting programme for the night of the reunion.

If you know of any of the 60th Battery Boys, whose names are not on the list will you oblige by sending the necessary information to the Secretary to enable us to get in touch with them. It would be appreciated if all out of town comrades who intend to attend the reunion would notify the Secretary as early as possible to enable him to insert their names in the notice.

The latest book published that we feel might be of interest to the returned "Soldat" is "Five Nines and Wizz Bangs," by the Orderly Sergeant. It is brim full of rich humour and amusing stories. Same may be had by sending \$2.00 to the Legion Library, P.O. Box 355, Ottawa, Ontario.

There are two organizations in Canada that have served the returned men and their families well the past twenty years, they are the Canadian Legion and the Army and Navy Veterans of Canada. We feel that they are deserving of all the support that you can give them and know that it will be greatly appreciated.

"Bonne Santé Soldat
C.F.A."



Jack Dougherty:- Good old dud.

He who flops quickest
lasts longest. What
the steel lid felt like
in France.



"Don't kid the troops dear,
Siv-a-play"

Who was the gunner who spent his birthday in the clink and received the following telegram from his mother: "Many happy returns of the day"?

Who was the optimist in the mess-tent who said: "My, that smells tasty"? and the pessimist who replied: "Huh: you mean it tastes smelly, don't you."?

Orderly Officer, visiting mess-room. "Any Complaints"?

Driver: "Yes, sir: Look at this: "and he exhibited a plateful of rice.

O.O. "Well what's wrong with that."

Driver." Why, there's a dozen and one maggots in it, sir."

O.O. "Well, you can't blame that on the cook you know."

Driver." I know that sir, but they might as well cook them properly.

She: "I don't suppose you have such beautiful birds to sing to you up in the trenches as we do here in the Bois de Boulogne?"

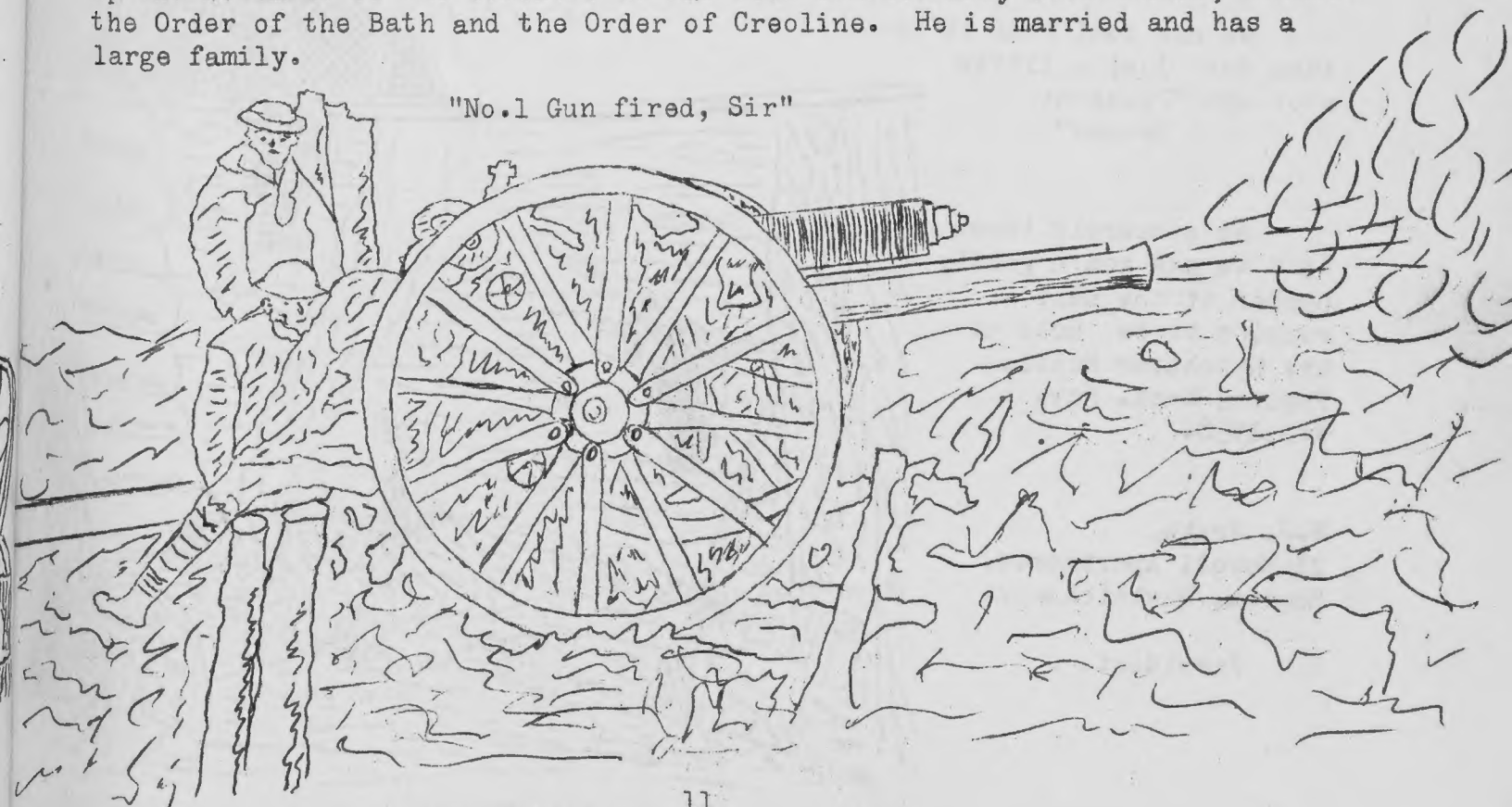
He: "The birds up the line are big "uns, and whistle and screech, and often burst.

"And where were you in the Great War, daddy, when that Hun airplane came after you?" "Oh, I was under the waggon with the rest of them, sonny."

WHO WAS WHO IN THE GREAT WAR?

Itchy Scratchy Louse: born in Seam, which is on the south side of the Underwear; educated at the Armpit College, and specializes in the new art of crawling with a tickle. Being of a roving disposition, he left home when quite young. Little is known of his ancestors, except that, having been forced out of the ark by Noah, they made shore in a Ford. He is small, but very active, and pursues his business on energetic lines. His photo may be found in any army gallery, and his footprints on any soldier's back. For the good work he has done in keeping up the movement of the soldiers he has been awarded many decorations, including the Order of the Bath and the Order of Creoline. He is married and has a large family.

"No.1 Gun fired, Sir"



We're still away but with you in thought,
The reason because together we fought,
You were lucky to get away with your
lives,
For the cooks you had were worse than
your wives.

And don't forget while you're getting
tight
The boys in L.A. who helped you fight,
We're not a big crowd, there's only four,
But we and the 60th won the war.

There's Alex the lawyer, the head of the clan,
He gets us together whenever he can,
He's almost sure to be with you next year,
So don't run short of Whiskey and beer.

Bayliss whose trumpet you know so well,
His call for dinner made you run like hell,
To see Veedon and Soutar and Doughy the cooks,
Get a little grub and lots of black looks.

Jerry got married I'm sorry to say,
It must be the climate we have in L.A.
Has a baby already and a couple of goats,
We're beginning to think he's feeling his oats.

Last comes Doughy the worst of the lot,
Who stole the boys rum and got half shot,
He's out of a job so please don't holler,
If he sends you this verse instead of a dollar,

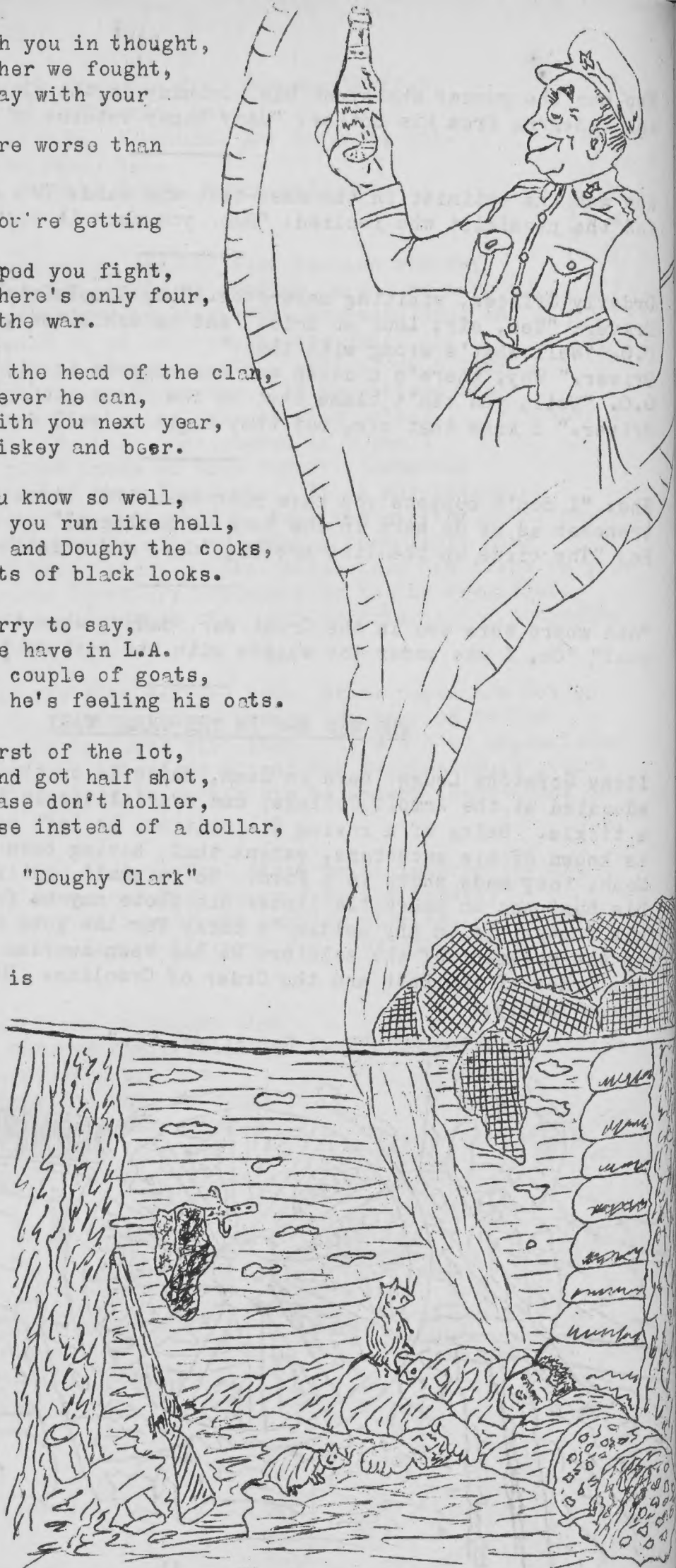
"Doughy Clark"

We now feel that it is
time for just a little
shut eye "Pleasant
Dreams"

We sincerely trust
that we may see a goodly
number at the next
reunion to be held at
the Kitchener Hotel,
Regina, Sask. Nov.
4th, 1938.

W.J. Brake,
28 Newell Apartments,
Regina, Saskatchewan.

President.



Somewhere in France

